

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES
COMMUNITY MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2008, 7-8:30 PM**

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What I like about the current Olney Library facility:

Meeting rooms
Lobby wall space for Olney Art Association works
Driveway
“Open-ness” of building
Friendliness – ease of locating information
Adult materials
Teen coffee house – safe environment for teens
Computers are well-situated
Garden pathway is inviting
Cozy “village” feel
Trees on property some of the most mature in Olney
Stand alone building on county property
Children’s programs for family-oriented community with lots of children

What I don’t like about the current Olney Library facility:

Meeting room is not media-friendly
Lobby-too much brick
Location of book drop at back of building – Security issues – Get out of vehicle and walk to book drop in secluded locations after-hours
Security in back parking lot
No discovery space or play space for toddlers and children
No senior space with special lighting, etc.
Driveway needs widening – using “The Loop” mitigates this (“The Loop” involves taking a right turn on Rte. 108 and then circling around the area to end up taking a left turn on Rte. 108 further from the Town Center.)
Interior and exterior lighting
No children’s computers at eye level of children
No cozy area with a fireplace
No teen-friendly young adult area
More windows to see the trees and an atrium to let in natural light
No designated volunteer work space
Drab carpet on large meeting room wall
No refrigerator in or near large meeting room
No “civic corner” or “Olney collection” to store Master Plan, ICC plans, etc.
Inadequate seating and lack of comfortable chairs
Lack of seating appropriate for adults, teens and children
Need more windows for natural light

Other branch libraries that I like:

Glenwood, Howard County Library, Rte. 97

- High ceilings and bright lighting
- “Barn” architecture reflects rural character of area
- Seats and carrels
- Windows – natural light
- Children’s section with barn half-door for children
- Adjacent to senior center
- Like going in that direction – pretty drive
- Parking
- Clear signage
- Children’s shelving appropriate for children
- “Uplifting” building
- Adult programs that Olney doesn’t have

Germantown

- Discovery room for children
- Teen space
- Tutor rooms
- Public space with music in area

What do I think of exterior of Olney facility?

- Entrances not inviting
- Building not visible from street
- Need some walkways in the front thru the trees; lighted arbor; seeing interior lights at night to make the building more inviting
- Exterior does not display interior activity
- No window or alcove seats
- No illumination of the trees